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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-15 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 16-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see page 3, lines 9-24 filed 3/7/05, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 16-30 under 103 (a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made as explained below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 16-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Gabinus et al (WO 0051391).

Regarding claim 16, Gabinus teaches receiving character set independent information about a participant in an ad hoc - wireless network (see figure 3 and page 15 line 24-31) and automatically transmitting the character set independent information about a participant to other participants in the ad hoc wireless network (transmit ICON such as , sound text or pictures to the participants of buddies list, see page 15 lines 28-31, page 14 lines 8-page 15 line 22 and figure 3).

Regarding claim 17 Gabinus teaches receiving character set independent information about a participant includes receiving an audio that identifies a participant

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transmit ICON such as , sound text or pictures to the participants of buddies list, see page 15 lines 28-31 and figure 3).

Regarding claim . 18, Gabinus teaches receiving character set independent information about a participant includes receiving a user selectable icon that may be selected to receive additional information about a participant (transmit ICON such as , sound text or pictures to the participants of buddies list, see page 15 lines 28-31 and figure 3).

Regarding claim 19 ,Gabinus teaches enabling a participant to select an icon to receive additional information about another participant (transmit ICON such as , sound text or pictures to the participants of buddies list, see page 15 lines 28-31 and figures 6 and 3).

Regarding claim 20, Gabinus teaches receiving an image file identifying a participant (pictures or symbols , transmit ICON such as , sound text or pictures to the participants of buddies list, see page 15 lines 28-31 and figures 3 and 6).

regarding claim 21, Gabinus teaches an article comprising a medium storing instructions that enable a processor-based system (page 14 line 8-page 15 line 22 and figure 1).

Gabinus teaches receive character set independent information about a participant in an ad hoc wireless network (transmit ICON such as , sound text or pictures to the participants of buddies list, see page 15 lines 28-31 and figure 3).

Gabinus teaches automatically transmit the information to other participants (exchange between buddies lists , or transmit ICON such as , sound text or pictures to the participants of buddies list, see page 15 lines 28-31 and figure 3).

Regarding claims 22-25 , Gabinus teaches storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to receive an audio file that identifies a participant (page 14 , line 20-page 15, line 22 and transmit ICON such as , sound text or pictures to the participants of buddies list, see page 15 lines 28-31 and figure 3).

Regarding claim 26, Gabinus teaches a system (see figures 1 and 3) comprising: a

Gabinus teaches processor (see item #11 of figure 1) and a storage (items #13 of figure 1) coupled to said processor storing instructions that enable the processor to handle character set independent information about a participant in an ad hoc wireless network and transmit said information to other participants (see page 14,line 20 through page 15, line 15, line 22 and see page 15 lines 24-31 and figure 3).

Regarding claim 27, Gabinus teaches storage stores instructions that enable the processor to receive an audio file that identifies a participant (see figure 1 and it's disclosure, page 14,line 20-page 15, line 22).

Regarding claims 28-30, Gabinus teaches enable the processor to generate a user selectable icon that may be selected to receive additional information about a participant (pg 15, lines 24-31 and figure 3).

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tilahun B Gesesse whose telephone number is 571-272-7879. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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